

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS, NOVEMBER 4, 2008**

The City Council of the City of Leon Valley, Texas, met on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Leon Valley Conference Center, at 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7:00 P.M.**

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**Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance.**

Mayor Riley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked that the minutes reflect that the following members of Council were present: Manea, Reyna, Baldrige, Dean, and Nelson.

City Manager Lambert, Assistant City Secretary/HR Officer Caldera, Fire Chief Irwin, Police Chief Wallace, Economic Development Director Ryan, Library Director Trent, and City Attorney McKamie were also present.

Mayor Riley led the assembled group in the pledge of allegiance.

**Presentation of twenty-five year service awards to Helen Whealton and Benjamin Castro of the Leon Valley Police Department.**

Mayor Riley read the certificate of recognition for Police Records and Communication Supervisor Helen "Bunny" Whealton, who was recognized for her twenty-five years of dedicated service to the City. Mayor Riley provided a synopsis of her achievements over her years with Leon Valley and thanked her for that service. Ms. Whealton thanked the Mayor and Council for giving her the opportunity to work with the City.

Mayor Riley read the certificate of recognition for Patrol Officer Benjamin S. Castro, who was recognized for his twenty-five years of dedicated service to the City. Mayor Riley provided a synopsis of his achievements over his years with Leon Valley and thanked him for that service. Mr. Castro thanked the Mayor and Council and for giving him the opportunity to work with the City.

**Citizens to be heard and time for objections to the Consent Agenda.**

Mayor Riley asked Council members if they wished for anything on the Consent Agenda to be removed from that agenda for further discussion. Hearing no requests, Mayor Riley then asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Council.

Council Member Reyna asked to be addressed as a citizen and stated that the 4B Sales tax would pass.

Asking for anyone else to come forward and seeing no one else to come forward for the "Citizens to be heard" portion of the meeting, Mayor Riley asked for a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

**Consent Agenda**

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**Consider action to approve minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 21, 2008 (Feutz).**

**Consider M&C # 11-01-08 - support for Leon Valley Public Library computer time management system and rules of conduct adopted (Trent/Mayor Riley).**

A motion was made by Councilmember Baldrige, seconded by Councilman Dean, to approve the Consent Agenda Items as listed above. Upon vote, Mayor Riley announced that the motion carried and all Consent Agenda items were approved.

**Regular Agenda**

**Consider removing M&C # 10-07-08 from the table so that Council can consider action on a request to authorize the City Manager to submit an application to the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the FY 2010 - 2013 Transportation Improvement Program for Wurzbach Road improvements. This item was tabled by Council vote on Oct. 21, 2008. (Lambert/Hargis).**

A motion was made by Councilmember Reyna, seconded by Councilmember Manea, to remove from the table M&C # 10-07-08. Upon unanimous vote, Mayor Riley announced the item was removed from the table.

**Consider action on M&C # 10-07-08 with attached resolution - a request to authorize the City Manager to submit an application to the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the FY 2010 - 2013 Transportation Improvement Program for Wurzbach Road improvements (Lambert/Hargis).**

Intern Hargis explained the proposed MPO project priority number one located at Wurzbach and the Christian Village Apartments needed a pedestrian crossing, estimated cost \$150,000. He then continued by discussing priority number two located at Wurzbach south of Bandera needed a new bus stop pull-out, estimated cost \$125,000. He noted that the FY 2012 funding year, the MPO allocation will be \$543,262, with a 20% local match of \$135,815, and for the FY 2013 funding year, the MPO allocation would be \$564,992 with a local match of \$141,248.

Mr. Lambert stated that this project has been discussed with Council over the past few months and that it is a safety issue, but does not contain hike and bike trails.

Discussion followed which included whether it was safe to place a hike and bike trail along Wurzbach Rd. It was concluded that safety would be an issue.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Reyna, seconded by Councilmember Dean, to approve M&C # 10-07-08 as presented. Upon unanimous vote, Mayor Riley announced the M&C # 10-07-08 was approved.

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**Discussion Agenda**

**Discussion on a review of all city speed limits and speed humps (Chief Wallace/Mayor Riley).**

Police Chief Wallace addressed Council stating that he was tasked with providing information on the lowering of speed limits in residential areas. He stated that in the past, two streets had their speed reduced, El Verde and all streets in the Monte Robles Subdivision. Furthermore, he discovered in 2005, Governor Perry signed HB 87 which indicates, "The governing body of a municipality, for a highway or part of a highway in an urban district that is not an officially designated or marked highway or road of the state highway system, is 35 feet or less in width, and along which vehicular parking is not prohibited on one or both sides, may declare a lower speed limit of not less than 25 miles per hour, if the governing body determines that the prima facie speed limit on the highway is unreasonable or unsafe".

Discussion followed which included: the width of Poss Road being 35 feet and that the street has non-restricted parking. The speed limit changes on El Verde Road and in the Monte Robles Subdivision were from 30 to 20 mph. Comments also included that fact that speed humps could increase the response time for emergency vehicles.

Mayor Riley asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Council.

Resident Pete West asked Council to consider lowering the speed limit on Poss Road and to install a four way flashing light at the intersection of Poss and Evers.

Resident Vicky Janvold agreed with Mr. West and reiterated his request to place flashing lights at the corner of Poss and Evers or to brighten up that area with additional street lighting.

Mayor Riley asked if there was anyone else that would like to address Council, seeing no one, members of Council asked the City Manager to prepare action items for consideration on a future City Council Agenda: a) flashing red lights at Evers and Poss, b) flashing amber lights on Poss Road, and c) findings on the cost of a traffic study along Trotter Road

**City Manager's report (Lambert).**

**A. Report on TML Annual Conference**

City Manager Lambert, City Attorney McKamie, and Councilmembers Nelson, Baldrige, and Reyna attended the Conference. All reported on the quality of the speakers for the conference.

**B. City offices closed on Nov. 11, 2008 - Veteran's Day Holiday**

City Manager Lambert announced that City offices would close on Nov. 11, 2008 for the Veterans' Day Holiday

**Citizens to be heard.**

Mayor Riley then asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Council, seeing no one she asked for announcements.

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**Announcements.**

- A. Birthday announcements.**  
Mayor Riley extended best wishes to City Manager Lambert and Councilmember Baldrige on their birthdays.
- B. Reports on TML Annual Conference attendance.**
- C. Report to Council on November 4, 2008 election process.**  
Mayor Riley reported on the November 4, 2008 Election unofficial results with the 4B Economic Development Sales Tax proposition for Leon Valley passing with 3200 for the proposition and 1006 against the proposition.
- D. Announcement of dates of upcoming Council meetings and workshops.**  
1) Special City Council Workshop - Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008  
2) Special City Council Meeting to canvass the results of the election to be held at 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13, 2008.
- E. Reports from the Greater Bexar County Council of Cities meeting.**  
City Manager Lambert stated that he is a representative on their Sustainable Buildings Task Force Advisory Committee which meets to review building standards with future efficiency standards of 15% to 30%.
- F. Los Leones Student Art Festival.**  
Mayor Riley announce that the City of Leon Valley will be co-hosting with Northside Independent School District the Los Leones Student Art Festival on November 15, 2008
- G. EPA Public Meeting scheduled for Nov. 6, 2008 at 7 pm at the Conference Center.**  
Mayor Riley announced that the EPA meeting will provide an update on the Superfund Site investigation and plans for remediation.
- H. Trade and Market Day - Nov. 8, 2008.**  
Mayor Riley announced that the next Trade and Market Day will be held on November 8, 2008 from 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- I. MPO Transportation Policy Board Applications/Nominations.**  
Mayor Riley stated that she will be accepting nominations for a citizen to sit on the MPO Transportation Policy Board.
- J. Report on the pedestrian bridge over Huebner Creek on Bandera Road.**  
Mayor Riley announced that TxDOT notified the City that the construction of the bridge over the east side of Bandera Road will start in November and it will be completed by the end of 2009. She expressed her appreciation for Senator Leticia Van De Putte's intervention to encourage the funding and construction for this project.

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- K. Report on Mayor's trip to West Texas and eastern New Mexico.**  
Mayor Riley commented on the number of wind energy turbines across the area and the beauty of the areas.

**Adjourn.**

Hearing no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember Manea, seconded by Councilmember Baldrige, to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections, Mayor Riley announced the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Mayor Chris Riley

ATTEST:

Assistant City Secretary Caldera

*Approved by unanimous vote of City Council at the Regular City Council meeting of Nov.18, 2008.*